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The Skinny- As you prepare to write your CCT papers, it is a good idea that you continue to hone your skills as a formal writer. Thus, you are to write a **500-750** word essay on one of the themes established in *Hamlet*.

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As a class, we will examine both topics and themes from the play, CHOOSE a theme and discuss, in a well-organized response, how your chosen theme applies to TWO or THREE characters in the play.

Some of the **topics** that we've established in class already:

- family
- pride
- revenge
- honour and duty
- the supernatural
- appearance vs. reality
- illusion vs. reality
- surveillance/spying
- outward/inward self

From this, build/establish a theme that you could argue in a formal essay.

Example themes from *Hamlet*:

- Vengeance often leads to tragedy.
- The war within one's mind often blurs their better judgement.

MLA formatting will be strictly enforced, this means:

- 12 point font
- Times New Roman
- Double Spaced
- Page numbers+ last name in TOP RIGHT CORNER of PAGE
- Proper order of information on title page.

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Marking Breakdown:

Knowledge: You have an understanding of the play that is evident in your writing. You cite key scenes and characters in your work. **(5 Marks)**

Application: Your essay is formatted according to the MLA guidelines (font, spacing), the quotes that you include are seamless and flow into each of the points that you make. **(5 Marks)**

Thinking: Your analysis demonstrates a level of sophistication and critical thinking. You have provided a clear examination of your chosen theme and your essay supports the points that you are making. **(5 Marks)**

Communication: Spelling, grammar, syntax, sentence structure, clarity of ideas. **(5 Marks)**

Total Marks: 20